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My Bashful Boy-Friend



OH, PAUL, I KNOW YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO ME! BUT WHY WON'T YOU SAY SO? YOU'RE THE ONLY BOY HERE WHO HASN'T ASKED ME FOR A DANCE!

THEY CALLED ME THE BUSIEST AND MOST POPULAR GIRL IN COLLEGE! I COULD HAVE DATES EVERY NIGHT AND BE IN EVERY ACTIVITY! THEN PAUL BLAKE CAME TO SCHOOL AND SUDDENLY NO ONE ELSE WAS IMPORTANT! I KNEW HE LIKED ME... BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED I COULDN'T MAKE HIM SAY SO! I COULDN'T EVEN GET MYSELF ASKED ON A DATE BY HIM!



PAUL ATE WITH SKEETER DOWNS... AND I'M AFRAID I COULDN'T KEEP MY MIND ON LUNCH CHECKS THAT DAY!



WHEN MY TIME WAS UP, I RUSHED OUT AND WAYLAID SKEETER ON HIS WAY TO CLASS!

WHO IS HE AND WHAT'S HE TAKING, SKEETER? TELL ME ALL ABOUT HIM! YOU TWO DID A LOT OF TALKING THROUGH LUNCH!

YEAH, BUT I DIDN'T FIND OUT A THING ABOUT HIM...



THE DARN GUY SPENT THE WHOLE TIME PUMPING ME ABOUT YOU!

OOOO, SKEETER, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



THAT NIGHT NEITHER MY ROOMMATE, SALLY CARTER, NOR I GOT MUCH STUDYING DONE!

...AND WHATEVER HE'S GOT, IT'S THROWN EVERY GIRL HERE INTO A TIZZY! I GET GOOSEBUMPS MYSELF WHEN HE SMILES!

IT'S PERSONALITY, SALLY... THE WARMEST AND MOST WONDERFUL PERSONALITY I EVER MET!



BELIEVE ME, THERE'LL BE HAIR-PULLING AT GOOD OLD DARLETON IF HE STAYS UNATTACHED FOR VERY LONG!

HE WON'T! HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASK ALL ABOUT ME... AND HE SAID HE HOPED WE HAD SOME OF THE SAME CLASSES!



HE'LL BE MY STEADY BOYFRIEND! I JUST KNOW HE WILL! I'VE HAD LOTS OF DATES, BUT THIS TIME I'M REALLY FALLING IN LOVE!



HEY, GINNY, AM I EARLY ENOUGH TO ASK YOU TO THE DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT?

OHH...! I...I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE DANCE, HAL! I'M SORRY BUT I SORT OF HAVE A TENTATIVE DATE ALREADY!



OKAY, OKAY! YOU CAN'T WIN!

I DO HAVE A TENTATIVE DATE! AS SOON AS PAUL HEARS ABOUT THE DANCE, I KNOW HE'LL ASK ME!



MY HEART GAVE A GREAT LEAP AS I DISCOVERED PAUL GOING INTO MY ENGLISH LIT CLASS!



HELLO, PAUL! YOU MUST HAVE REARRANGED YOUR SCHEDULE THE WAY YOU THREATENED!

MORNING, GINNY! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DIDN'T HAVE TO! IT CAME OUT RIGHT WITHOUT ANY EXTRA NUDGE FROM ME!

IF... IF NOBODY'S THOUGHT TO TELL YOU, WE HAVE A DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT AT GIBSON HALL, AND OF COURSE YOU'RE EXPECTED!

WHY, THANKS, BUT I HAD HEARD ABOUT IT! EVERYONE'S BEEN WONDERFUL ABOUT FITTING ME INTO WHAT'S GOING ON!

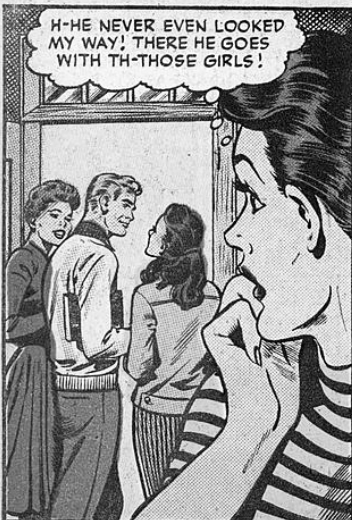


I'LL PROBABLY GET THERE AND YOU SURELY WILL, SO I'LL SEE YOU, GINNY!

WHA...? WH... WHY...!

I WAS STILL STUNNED BY HIS BRUSQUE DISMISSAL WHEN HE WENT ON IN AND TOOK A SEAT BETWEEN TWO OTHER GIRLS!

WHY, HE PRACTICALLY CUT ME OFF! WHAT DID I DO THAT WAS WRONG? WHY DID HE SNUB ME LIKE THAT?



H-HE NEVER EVEN LOOKED MY WAY! THERE HE GOES WITH TH-THOSE GIRLS!

THE REST OF THAT DAY I WAS IN A DAZE! I HARDLY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON!

...SO I SUPPOSE I'M TOO LATE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU TO THAT DANCE, GINNY!

NO, Y-YOU'RE NOT TOO LATE, GRIFF! I'LL BE G-GLAD TO GO WITH YOU!



HOORAY! I FINALLY MADE IT!

OH-H-H, PAUL, WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US? I KN-KNOW AT FIRST YOU LIKED ME AND WANTED TO KNOW ME BETTER!

I
HAD
NO
GOLDEN,
STAR-
STUDD
DREAMS
THAT
NIGHT...
BECAUSE
I
COULD
NOT
SLEEP!



I C-CAN'T DENY IT...I'M IN
L-LOVE WITH PAUL! I WAS S-SURE
HE WAS MORE THAN JUST INTER-
ESTED IN ME! BUT ALL OF A
SUDDEN HE'S CH-CHANGED!

THE NEXT MORNING I HAD MADE UP MY MIND TO
SWALLOW MY PRIDE AND FIND THE ANSWER...



THERE'S PAUL NOW, ON HIS WAY TO
CLASS! I...I'LL ASK HIM RIGHT OUT
WHAT HAPPENED!

GINNY!
HEY
GORGEOUS!



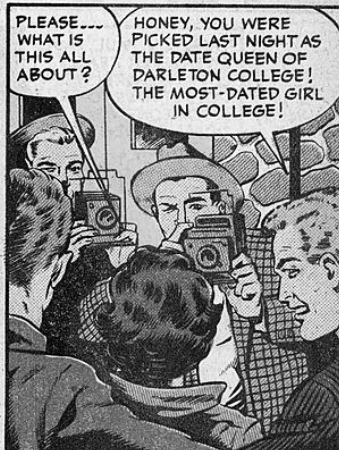
OH, HELLO,
PAN AND
ALL OF YOU!
I...I HAVE
TO HURRY!

NOT THIS MORNING
YOU DON'T, HEART-
THROB! YOU'RE EX-
CUSSED FROM CLASS
FOR A VERY SPECIAL
DATE!



BUT...BUT
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...!

YOU WILL, HONEY!
HERE SHE IS,
BOYS...IN ALL
HER GLORY!



PLEASE...
WHAT IS
THIS ALL
ABOUT?

HONEY, YOU WERE
PICKED LAST NIGHT AS
THE DATE QUEEN OF
DARLETON COLLEGE!
THE MOST-DATED GIRL
IN COLLEGE!



WE HAD A STUDENT MEETING
LAST NIGHT, GINNY, AND YOU
WERE THE UNANIMOUS
CHOICE! WE ALL PICKED
YOU!

WH-WHAT A
HOLLOW HONOR!
TH-THE ONLY
DATE I REALLY
WANT IS A DATE WITH
PAUL!

SOMEHOW
I GOT
THROUGH
THE
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WITH
ONLY
TANTA-
LIZING
FAR-OFF
GLIMPSES
OF PAUL!
WHEN
I
RUSHED
TO MY
ROOM
AFTER
SCHOOL...



G-GINNY, I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
T-TELL YOU THIS!
I...I'M AFRAID
YOU'LL HATE ME!
I DIDN'T TRY
FOR IT...HONEST
I DIDN'T!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU BAB-
BLING ABOUT, SALLY? HOW
COULD I EVER HATE YOU WHEN
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR
THREE
YEARS?



P-PAUL ASKED ME TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH HIM TONIGHT! GINNY, I SWEAR I DIDN'T ENCOURAGE HIM! I KNEW HOW YOU FELT!

PAUL?
OH....!

HOW DOES ONE HIDE HEART-BREAK? WHAT DO YOU SAY OR DO? I ONLY KNOW THAT SOMEHOW, IN MY PAZE, I MUST HAVE HIDDEN MY HURT!



GINNY, YOU'RE JUST THE BEST! I...I WAS REALLY SCARED YOU'D BE HURT AND ANGRY! YOU'RE WONDERFUL, DARLING!

H-HAVE FUN, SALLY!



THE MOMENT THE DOOR CLOSED, MY SELF-CONTROL GAVE WAY TO THE FLOOD OF HELD-BACK TEARS!

:SOB: OH, PAUL, PAUL, I'VE NEVER REALLY LOVED BEFORE, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE S-SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN LIKE ME?



SALLY CAME IN SURPRISINGLY EARLY...AND FURIOUSLY ANGRY!

AAAAHHH! I'VE HAD IT! NOW I'VE REALLY HAD IT! OF ALL THE CREEPS! IF YOU WANT HIM, FOR PETE'S SAKE, TAKE HIM!

WHY, SALLY, WHA... WHAT'S WRONG?



THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW! ALL PAUL DID WAS PUMP ME ABOUT YOU THE WHOLE TIME! AND IF YOU WANT TO KNOW...OTHER GIRLS HE DATED SAY THE SAME THING!



BUT...BUT WHY, SALLY? WHY WON'T HE ASK ME FOR A DATE... OR JUST WALK WITH ME? HE... HE ACTS AS IF HE CAN'T STAND ME!

I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE HE'S JUST BASHFUL! I'VE HEARD OF GUYS LIKE THAT! OR ELSE HE'S CRAZY!



THE NEXT NIGHT WAS THE DANCE! I HAD SPENT A DAY OF MISERY AND... DECISION!

I DON'T CARE WHAT THE OTHERS SAY! I'M GOING TO THROW MYSELF AT PAUL TONIGHT! M-MAYBE HE THINKS I DON'T LIKE HIM!

THAT'S ALL, BOYS! I'M SAVING A COUPLE OF DANCES FOR... FELLOWS WHO MIGHT NOT JOIN YOUR CRAZY STAMPEDE!

IF THEY DON'T GET IN FAST FOR A DANCE WITH YOU, THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE CRAZY!

BUT AS THE DISMAL EVENING WORE ON...

SOMETHING'S TERRIBLY WRONG! PAUL IS THE ONLY BOY HERE WHO HASN'T ASK ME TO DANCE WITH HIM... AND I'VE SAVED TWO FOR HIM!

HEY, GINNY, IT'S OVER! READY TO GO?

WHA...? OH, OF COURSE, GRIFF! YES, PLEASE TAKE ME HOME!

HE J- JUST DOESN'T LIKE ME! I HAVE TO FACE IT! NO MATTER HOW HE S- SEEMED AT FIRST, I'M N-NOT HIS T-TYPE!

I MADE MYSELF GO ON, THOUGH IT WASN'T EASY! DAY AFTER DAY I FACED PAUL FOR A HEART-WRENCHING MOMENT AT THE CAFETERIA!

HELLO, GINNY! HOW'S EVERYTHING WITH YOU?

J- JUST FINE, PAUL! THAT'S 52 CENTS!

BUT AT NIGHT, WHEN THE LIGHTS WERE OUT AND SALLY ASLEEP...

OH, PAUL, PAUL... WHY DID I HAVE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?

THEN CAME THE BIG MEETING WHERE THE DETAILS OF OUR JUNIOR-SENIOR BALL WERE FINALLY SETTLED!

THEN IT'S AGREED... WE'LL CALL IT THE AMAZON BALL! WE'LL ELECT AN AMAZON QUEEN AND SHE'LL PICK HER OWN PARTNER THAT NIGHT!

THE NEXT THING I KNEW...

BY UNANIMOUS CHOICE FOR AMAZON QUEEN...OUR FAVORITE GIRLFRIEND... GINNY JORDAN!



M-ME? I...I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR WHAT WAS GOING ON!

HMM! I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO ASK WHO'LL BE YOUR CHOICE FOR AMAZON KING, GINNY! YOU'LL GRAB PAUL BLAKE!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHO WON'T BE CHOSEN, SALLY!



I MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF, LAYING MY HEART OUT FOR HIM AND HE SHOWED PLAINLY THAT HE DIDN'T CARE! SO THAT'S OVER!

I GUESS I'M GLAD, HONEY! ON YOU A BROKEN HEART DOESN'T LOOK GOOD... BUT GEE, YOU'D MAKE SUCH A WONDERFUL COUPLE! SIGHHHH!



THE BOYS PRACTICALLY BROKE THEIR NECKS TO WIN MY FAVOR!

CARRY YOUR BOOKS, GINNY? GEE, YOU'RE PRETTY TODAY! MOVIE TO-NIGHT, GINNY?



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT MY CHOICE TORMENTED ME!



SHALL I PICK POPULAR ANDY...? OR FAITHFUL GRIFF? OR SKEETER WITH HIS CRAZY GAGS?

COME ON, QUEEN GINNY! EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR YOU TO NAME YOUR AMAZON KING!

ALL...ALL RIGHT, ANDY! I'LL CH-CHOOSE...

CAME THE NIGHT OF THE GRAND BALL... AND MY HEART WAS STILL TORN BY INDECISION!



GRIFF'S NAME WAS ON MY LIPS AS I STEPPED TO THE MICROPHONE... BUT MY HEART SEIZED THE REINS!

FOR AMAZON KING AND THE PARTNER OF MY CHOICE, I NAME... PAUL BLAKE!





GINNY! GINNY,
YOU CHOSE
ME....!

FROM THE FIRST
DAY I SAW YOU,
PAUL!

THE
BAND
STRUCK
UP THE
CORON-
ATION
WALTZ!
DIMLY
I
HEARD
THE
CHEERS,
THE
SHOUTS
OF
PAUL'S
NAME
AND
MINE!



DID...DID I DO WRONG,
PAUL? DID I EMBARRASS
YOU? YOU'VE AVOIDED
ME FROM THE VERY
FIRST! YOU DON'T
LIKE ME....!

LIKE YOU?
GINNY, I
LOVE YOU!



BUT...
BUT WHY?
I TRIED
SO HARD
TO SHOW
YOU HOW
I FELT....!

I THOUGHT YOU
WERE ONLY BEING
KIND! WHEN I
FOUND OUT YOU
WERE THE MOST
POPULAR GIRL IN
COLLEGE, DATES
EVERY NIGHT, I
WAS AFRAID!



I'D ALMOST GET MY COURAGE UP...
AND THEN YOU'D WIN SOME NEW
HONOR! GINNY, YOU CAN'T CARE
FOR ME WHEN YOU HAVE THE
WHOLE WORLD AT
YOUR FEET!

YOU'VE BEEN
THE WORLD
EVER SINCE
YOU CAME,
PAUL!



...AND I DON'T
WANT YOU AT MY
FEET! I WANT
YOU IN MY ARMS!

GINNY! OH MY DEAR,
DEAR GINNY! WHAT
A FOOL I'VE BEEN!



I'VE ALWAYS HAD TO TAKE
SECONDS, GINNY! MY
BROTHERS WERE ALL OLDER,
HANDSOMER! THEY ALWAYS
GOT EVERYTHING I WANTED!

PAUL, DIDN'T ANYONE
EVER TEACH YOU THAT
LIPS WERE MADE FOR
SOMETHING BESIDES
SILLY BABBLING?

AND
RIGHT
THERE
THE
QUEEN
OF THE
BALL
PUT HER
SEAL
ON THE
KING
OF HER
HEART...
MY
BASHFUL
BOY-
FRIEND
WHO
WAS
BASHFUL
NO
LONGER!



NAVY BLUES

YOU SELDOM SAW JIMMY ELDRIDGE AND VAN DELBERT WHEN THEY WEREN'T TOGETHER, AND WHEN BOTH OF THEM CHOSE ME FOR THEIR "BEST GIRL," THERE WASN'T A HAPPIER WAVE AT MOBERLY NAVAL BASE! WE WERE A CONSTANT THREESOME AND I WAS AS FOND OF JIMMY'S CAREFREE PERSONALITY AS I WAS OF VAN'S SERIOUS, AMBITIOUS OUTLOOK ON LIFE! IT NEVER OCCURED TO ME THAT ONE DAY MY CONFUSED HEART WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM .. AND THAT MY FIRST CHOICE WOULD BE WRONG!

VAN, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND! IT'S YOU I LOVE! I CAN EXPLAIN THIS!

I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, DOREEN! AND I HOPE YOU'LL BOTH BE VERY HAPPY!

MY DECISION WAS FORCED UPON ME WHEN VAN AND JIMMY MET ME ONE EVENING WITH DISTURBING NEWS!

THERE GOES OUR THREESOME! THOSE NEW ORDERS WE WERE WAITING FOR CAME THROUGH!

I'M SHIPPING OUT, DOREEN! IT WON'T BE MORE THAN A DAY OR SO NOW!

AND I GOT THE BREAK! I'M ASSIGNED TO THIS BASE, TIED DOWN TO A NEAT LITTLE DESK JOB!

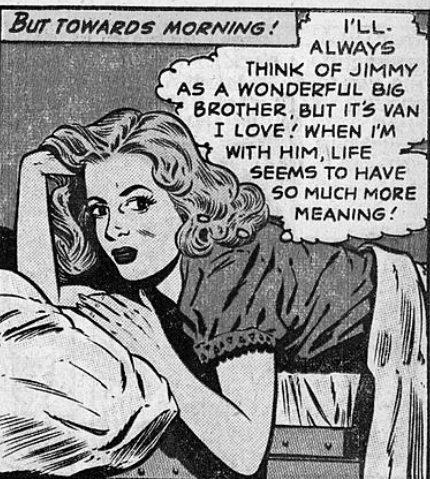
OH, VAN, I... I'M SORRY! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU!

WE'LL HAVE A FAREWELL DINNER IN TOWN TOMORROW NIGHT.. JUST THE THREE OF US!

AND..BEFORE I LEAVE, DOREEN, JIMMY AND I WANT TO KNOW... WHICH OF US IT'S GOING TO BE! I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE BOTH LOVE YOU!



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OTHER!



IT WAS A TENDER KISS THAT SEALED OUR FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSED THE DOOR ON JIMMY'S DREAMS! BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BEGINNING OF TRAGEDY IN THREE LIVES!



DON'T MIS-INTERPRET THIS VAN! DOREEN HAS SOMETHING TO...

ER...I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I..HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL BEFORE WE HAVE DINNER!

THAT'S STRANGE! HE LOOKED.. SORT OF STUNNED, DIDN'T HE?

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT SOON AS HE GET'S BACK AND YOU TELL HIM HE'S THE LUCKY GUY!

POOR JIMMY! I WISH YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME!

FORGET IT, HONEY! I THINK I'LL TELL THE WAITER WE'RE READY FOR DINNER NOW! WE'LL HAVE OUR STEAKS COOKING WHILE VAN'S ON THE PHONE!



JIMMY LEFT THE PRIVATE DINING ROOM ON WHICH HE AND VAN HAD SPURGED AND I WAITED FOR HIM TO RETURN! BUT WHEN HE CAME BACK TO THE TABLE, ONE GLANCE TOLD ME THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG!

HE'S GONE, DOREEN! THE WAITER SAID HE LEFT!

BUT HE SAID HE'D BE RIGHT BACK! OH, JIMMY.. YOU DON'T SUPPOSE HE THOUGHT...



THE POOR GUY MUST HAVE DECIDED THAT THREE'S A CROWD AND THAT HE WASN'T WANTED! COME ON, WE'LL FIND HIM AT THE BASE!

WHY DIDN'T HE GIVE US A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN? WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!



BUT VAN WAS OFF DUTY AND DIDN'T RETURN TO THE BASE THAT NIGHT!

I CAN'T GET AWAY IN THE MORNING! AND HE'S LIABLE TO SAIL BEFORE I CAN TELL HIM THE TRUTH!

YOU'VE GOT TO FIND HIM, JIMMY! WE CAN'T LET VAN LEAVE FEELING THAT WE'VE LET HIM DOWN!



AND THE NEXT DAY, IN SPITE OF OUR FRANTIC EFFORTS...

I'M SORRY, DOREEN! THE PITTSFIELD SAILED AT FIVE THIS MORNING! VAN LEFT WITHOUT A MESSAGE FOR EITHER OF US!

OH, JIMMY, HE WAS SO HURT! SOB! I MAY NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN AND...SOB! HE'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM!



IN THE DISMAL MONTHS AFTER VAN'S DEPARTURE, MY HEARTACHE BECAME ALMOST UNBEARABLE AS LETTER AFTER LETTER WAS RETURNED UNOPENED!



IF ONLY HE'D READ MY LETTERS AND REALIZE THAT I LOVE HIM ... THAT I'M WAITING FOR HIM!

JIMMY'S EFFORTS, TOO WERE IN VAIN ...



HE'S IN KOREA, DOREEN! HE SENT MY LAST LETTER BACK WITH A NOTE WISHING US LUCK AND EXPLAINING THAT HE'S TRYING TO FORGET! THAT'S WHY HE WON'T READ OUR LETTERS!

HE'S ... TRYING TO FORGET! MAYBE BY NOW HE HAS FORGOTTEN!

AND ONE NIGHT!



I'VE TRIED TO BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT, BUT I KNOW IT'S HOPELESS, JIMMY! VAN'S PUT ME OUT OF HIS MIND AND OUT OF HIS HEART!

I'LL NEVER STOP BLAMING MYSELF FOR THAT!



DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, JIMMY! YOU COULDN'T HELP DOING WHAT YOU DID!

KISSING YOU? I FIND IT ROUGH, DOREEN, TO RESIST TAKING YOU IN MY ARMS EVERY-TIME WE'RE TOGETHER LIKE THIS!



BUT AS LONG AS YOU BELONG TO VAN ...

I DON'T! HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME, JIMMY! AND SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY ALL OF US SHOULD SUFFER AND FEEL SO ... ALL ALONE!



YOU LOVE ME AND.. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THE WORLD OF YOU! MAYBE IT'S HELPLESS AND FOOLISH TO LET VAN STAND BETWEEN US!

IF I COULD BE SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST FEELING SORRY FOR ME! DOREEN... DOREEN, I'VE LOVED YOU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!

PERHAPS IT WAS MY LONELINESS OR MY HUNGER TO BE LOVED AND PROTECTED! BUT THAT NIGHT I TOLD MY HEART THAT VAN NO LONGER EXISTED FOR ME .. AND THAT I LOVED JIMMY!



JIMMY ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM. JUST TWO NIGHTS LATER, AND I ACCEPTED, CONVINCED THAT MY PLEDGE WOULD ERASE THE MEMORY OF VAN!



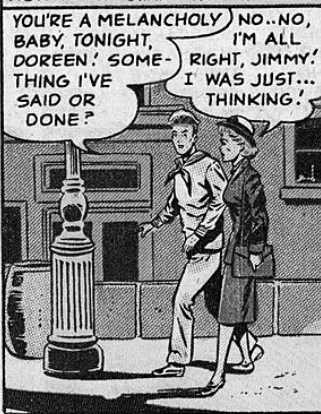
TOO LATE I LEARNED THAT MY HEART HAD NOT CHANGED!



BUT I CAN'T GO BACK ON MY WORD! I CAN'T HURT JIMMY THE WAY I HURT YOU, VAN! HE'S NEVER GOING TO KNOW WHAT'S IN MY HEART!



BUT SOMETIMES I WONDERED HOW MUCH JIMMY REALLY KNEW!



ABOUT ANYBODY I KNOW? HONEY, SOMETHING'S BEEN WRONG! I FEEL IT EVERYTIME I TALK TO YOU, EVERYTIME I HOLD YOU CLOSE!

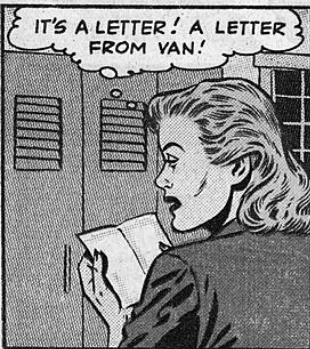
DON'T SAY THAT JIMMY! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG! I LOVE YOU.. I HAVEN'T CHANGED!



IF JIMMY SENSED THE TURMOIL IN MY HEART, HE SAID NOTHING MORE ABOUT IT! BUT A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE WERE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED!



I HURRIED TO MY BARRACKS AND WITH TREMBLING HANDS I OPENED JIMMY'S GIFT! AND SUDDENLY I KNEW WHY HE HAD WANTED ME TO BE ALONE WHEN I SAW WHAT IT WAS!



MY DEAREST, HOW MUCH UNHAPPINESS I COULD HAVE SAVED ALL OF US IF I HADN'T BEEN SUCH A BLUNDERING FOOL! I REFUSED TO READ LETTER AFTER LETTER, BUT I COULDN'T FORGET YOU OR STOP LOVING YOU!



Jimmy finally wrote to one of my ship-mates and told me the whole story! Now that I know you love me, I can only wait until I come back. Same day together we may find a way to read the best friend in the world for his sacrifice! your devoted Van



SOB: OH, VAN.. DARLING, DARLING, OF COURSE I'LL WAIT FOR YOU! SOB: NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I'LL BE WAITING!

AND WHEN I TRIED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO JIMMY THE NEXT DAY...



BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS! OH, JIMMY, I HOPE YOU FIND SOMEONE WORTHY OF YOU.. SOMEONE WHO'LL LOVE YOU THE WAY I LOVE VAN!



BUT UNTIL YOU DO... AH-AH! THAT'S WHAT SPOILED EVERYTHING LAST TIME! SAVE YOUR KISSES FOR THAT WONDERFUL GUY YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY!

JIMMY MANAGED A SMILE BEFORE HE LEFT ME.. AND FROM FAR OUT BEYOND THE HORIZON, I FELT THAT VAN WAS SMILING BACK AT THE FINEST FRIEND A MAN COULD HAVE.. AND THE GIRL WHO WOULD BE WAITING WHEN HIS SHIP RETURNED!



No Officer For Me



IT HAD NEVER KNOWN ANY HOME BUT AN ARMY POST! MY DAD WAS A COLONEL, MY BROTHERS WERE MAJORS, AND IT WAS ASSUMED THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD CARRY ON WITH THE FAMILY TRADITION BY MARRYING AN OFFICER! AND THEN I GAVE MY LOVE TO PRIVATE DANNY WELLS AND FOUND MYSELF CAUGHT IN A HEART-BREAKING TRAP!

IF MY FOLKS HADN'T SENT ME AWAY TO AN EXCLUSIVE GIRLS' SCHOOL, I WOULDN'T HAVE MET DANNY!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A DATE FOR THE SPRING DANCE, NINA! CAMP EDSON IS JUST A FEW MILES AWAY AND I KNOW PLENTY OF SOLDIERS WHO'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE!

IF THE GOVERNMENT HADN'T RE-ACTIVATED THAT CAMP LAST MONTH, WE'D BE OUT OF LUCK! FRANKLY, THOUGH, I'D LIKE TO DATE A MAN IN CIVVIES FOR A CHANGE!

I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND, NINA, BUT ALL THE FELLOWS I KNOW AT CAMP EDSON ARE JUST PLAIN BUCK PRIVATES! THAT'S NOT EXACTLY YOUR SPEED!

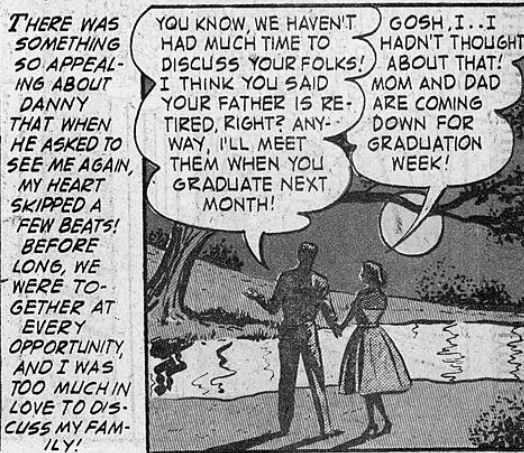
DON'T BE SILLY, JOAN! I'M NOT A SNOB! BESIDES, I'M OUT ON MY OWN NOW, NOT AT DAD'S POST!

AND THAT SATURDAY NIGHT!

DANNY WELLS IS A DREAMBOAT, NINA! JUST DON'T TELL HIM YOU COME FROM A LONG LINE OF COLONELS! HE'S PREJUDICED AGAINST OFFICERS!

I WON'T TELL HIM ANYTHING! AFTER ALL, I'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN AFTER TONIGHT!





I'VE QUIT WRITING HOME, MYSELF, NINA! I FIGURE WE'LL BE SEEING OUR FOLKS IN PERSON SOON!

JUST TWO WEEKS NOW!

I'VE GOT TO TELL THEM I'M PLANNING TO MARRY DANNY! BUT I'D BETTER NOT TELL THEM. HE'S JUST A PRIVATE! NOT YET!



I'LL JUST SAY THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH A SOLDIER FROM CAMP EDSON! AFTER THE FOLKS MEET DANNY, THEY'LL BE SO CRAZY ABOUT HIM, IT WON'T MATTER THAT HE ISN'T AN OFFICER!



MOM WASTED NO TIME IN ANSWERING MY LETTER!

.. AND WE'RE THRILLED ABOUT YOUR YOUNG MAN! DID YOU MEET HIM AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB? DAD SAYS YOU FORGOT TO MENTION HIS RANK! SEE YOU SOON! LOVE, MOM!



THAT'S TYPICAL! IT NEVER OCCURS TO THEM THAT DANNY MIGHT NOT BE AN OFFICER! AND IF IT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH THAT THEY'RE SO STRONG ON TRADITION, I HAVE TO FALL FOR A MAN WHO HATES OFFICERS!



AND FINALLY THE DAY I HAD BEEN DREADING CAME! I HAD TO TELL DANNY WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN HE MET MY DAD AND MY BROTHER EARL THE NEXT DAY!

SO YOUR MOTHER AND DAD GET HERE TOMORROW, EH? WHAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHERS? I HOPE I HIT IT OFF WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THEM!

JIMMY COULDN'T MAKE IT, BUT EARL'S GOING TO BE HERE! DANNY, I.. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT!



YOU SEE, YOU'LL BE MEETING DAD TOMORROW AND .. THERE'S SOMETHING YOU OUGHT TO KNOW, DARLING! HE'S... WELL ...

NINA! YOU'RE WANTED IN THE RECEPTION ROOM! C'MON.. HURRY!



EXCUSE ME A MINUTE, DANNY! IT'S PROBABLY A WIRE FROM EARL TELLING ME WHAT TIME THEY'LL ARRIVE TOMORROW! DON'T GO AWAY, THOUGH .. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

I'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE, HONEY! BUT HURRY BACK!



MOTHER--DAD!
BUT I THOUGHT..
OH, GOSH
WHAT A SURPRISE!

HI, SIS! WE GOT RESERVATIONS
ON AN EARLIER PLANE AND
DECIDED TO PULL A FAST
ONE! IT WAS ALL
MOTHER'S IDEA!



YES, YOU'D BETTER CONFESS,
MOTHER! YOU COULDN'T
WAIT TO MEET THAT
FUTURE SON-IN-LAW OF
OURS! AND BY GEORGE
NEITHER CAN I!

THAT'S IT, DEAR! AS
SOON AS WE'RE
SETTLED AT THE HOTEL,
YOU'LL SIMPLY HAVE
TO RUSH HIM OVER!



ALL THE
FUN OF
THAT
REUNION
WAS
SPOILED
BY THE
KNOWLEDGE
THAT WHEN
WE STEPPED
OUTSIDE,
DANNY
WOULD SEE
US! AND
I HADN'T
FINISHED
TELLING
HIM
THE
TRUTH!

WELL, LET'S NOT
MOPÉ AROUND
HERE! COME ON,
NINA! WE'LL ALL
GO OUT AND HAVE
OURSELVES A
FINE DINNER!

ER.. IN JUST A
SECOND, DAD! I
WAS... JUST
TAKING CARE OF
AN IMPORTANT
ERRAND WHEN YOU
GOT HERE! I'LL BE
RIGHT BACK!



I BEGAN WONDERING
IF SOMETHING WAS
WRONG, NINA!
YOU SAID..
UH?

M-MY FOLKS GOT HERE
AHEAD OF SCHEDULE,
DANNY! PLEASE COME
AND MEET THEM, DEAR!



OH, NO! A COLONEL,
NO LESS! AND
A MAJOR! THIS..
THIS WAS
GOING TO BE
A BIG LAUGH
FOR YOU,
WASN'T IT?

NO, DANNY!
PLEASE
BELIEVE ME!
I STARTED TO
TELL YOU ABOUT
THIS WHEN JOAN
CALLED ME AWAY!



WOULDN'T I HAVE LOOKED
IMPRESSIVE, TELLING ALL
THAT BRASS THAT
I WANT TO MARRY
INTO THE FAMILY!
I'M PRIVATE
WELLS, SIR!
I'M IN LOVE
WITH YOUR
DAUGHTER!

THAT
WOULDN'T
MATTER!
I LOVE YOU,
DANNY! THAT'S
ALL THAT
COUNTS!



IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE LET ME MAKE
A FOOL OF MYSELF!
I'M NOT STICKING
AROUND TO SALUTE
ANY OF YOUR
BRASS-BOUND
RELATIONS!

DANNY,
WAIT!
PLEASE,
DARLING,
THEY ...
OH, WHAT'S
THE USE?



WHO WAS THAT, NINA? A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS?

ER.. NO, DAD! JUST.. SOMEONE I KNOW

I KNOW DANNY MUST HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED, BUT WHY DID HE RUN OUT ON ME? NOW I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE HIM TO THE FOLKS!

I TRIED TO REACH DANNY BY PHONE THAT EVENING, BUT IT WAS PLAIN THAT HE WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!

IF ONLY HE'D LET ME EXPLAIN! OH, DANNY, WHY WASN'T I HONEST WITH YOU? WHY WASN'T I HONEST WITH MOM AND DAD?

HAVE YOU REACHED DANNY, YET, NINA? REALLY YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW ANXIOUS I AM TO MEET HIM!

NO...I..I CAN'T SEEM TO GET HIM, MOTHER! COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DID SAY SOMETHING ABOUT... HAVING TO GO OUT OF TOWN!

JUST WHEN WE WERE COMING? HOW DREADFUL!

DUTY, MY DEAR! AFTER ALL, HE'S AN OFFICER! IF THERE'S AN ASSIGNMENT FOR HIM, HE CAN'T VERY WELL BEG OFF BECAUSE WE HAPPEN TO BE VISITING IN TOWN!

SAY, NINA, CAPTAIN REEVES IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE! I CAN CALL HIM AT CAMP EDSON AND HAVE HIM CHECK TO SEE IF DANNY'S AROUND! I'LL..

WILL YOU STOP MEDDLING IN MY BUSINESS? I TOLD YOU DANNY COULDN'T BE REACHED! NOW FORGET ABOUT IT!

I HATED MYSELF A MOMENT LATER, BUT I COULDN'T HELP FLARING UP AT MY BROTHER! AND I COULDN'T STOP THE ACHE IN MY HEART! AN ACHE THAT WOULDN'T LEAVE ME UNTIL I WAS IN DANNY'S ARMS AGAIN!

WHAT'S WRONG, NINA? EARL WAS ONLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL! TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU AND MAYBE I CAN HELP!

IT'S NOTHING, MOTHER! MAYBE I.. I'M JUST UPSET BY ALL THE EXCITEMENT!

OF COURSE, DEAR! BUT RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION WE'LL FLY HOME AND YOU'LL GET A NICE LONG REST!

IF I GO AWAY WITHOUT MAKING DANNY UNDERSTAND, I... I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

GRADUATION DAY WAS A HEART-BREAKING ONE FOR ME!

DANNY WAS GOING TO BE HERE TODAY! BUT EVEN IF I WON HIM BACK NOW, DAD AND EARL WOULD PROBABLY MAKE HIM MISERABLE! IT'S ALL SO MUDDLED UP... AND HOPELESS



BUT I COULDN'T GO AWAY WITHOUT SEEING DANNY! I JUST COULDN'T!

HERE WE ARE, GIRLS! WE'VE GOT RESERVATIONS FOR TEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT!

THEN I... I'D HAVE TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO A FEW OF MY FRIENDS, WOULDN'T I? WOULD YOU MIND, MOTHER?



IF YOU AREN'T GONE TOO LONG, NINA! BUT FRANKLY, I'M DISAPPOINTED! SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU AND DANNY WELLS HAVE QUARRELED AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO MEET HIM AT ALL!

LET'S NOT PRY INTO NINA'S AFFAIRS, MOTHER! COME ON, SIS, I'LL WALK YOU OVER TO THE CAMPUS!



I COULDN'T TELL EARL THAT I WAS PLANNING TO TAKE THE NEXT BUS FOR CAMP EDSON, SO I LET HIM WALK ME TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS! I WASTED A PRECIOUS HOUR THERE, AFRAID TO GO OUT UNTIL I WAS SURE EARL WAS GONE!

AH, IT'S SO SWEET OF YOU TO COME BACK TO SAY GOOD-BYE AGAIN, DEAR CHILD! I DO HOPE YOU'LL THINK OF THESE CLASSROOMS AS YOUR SECOND HOME AND COME BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN!

YES, MISS PRITCHETT!

I DON'T DARE LET EARL SEE ME GET ON THAT CAMP BUS! BUT IF I DON'T GET GOING SOON, I'LL BE LATE FOR OUR PLANE AND I WON'T GET TO SEE DANNY!



BUT MY TRIP TO DANNY'S CAMP WAS FUTILE!

I'M TELLIN' YA! I KNOW DANNY PERSONAL AND HE AIN'T HERE! I SAW HIM LEAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO MYSELF!

AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GONE! WELL... THANKS, ANYWAY!



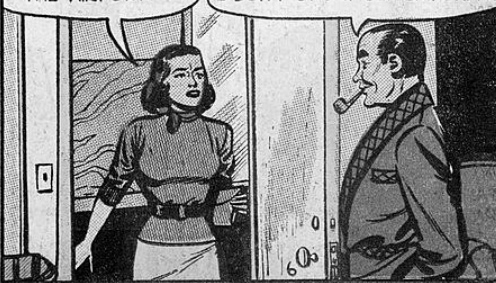
HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME! HE KNEW I'D BE LEAVING RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION AND HE DIDN'T CARE! OH, DANNY, DANNY, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP THIS EASILY IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME!



IT WAS NEARLY NINE-THIRTY WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE HOTEL! AND TO MY SURPRISE...

I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE, DAD, BUT... GOSH, YOU AREN'T DRESSED YET AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT!

WE CAN'T SKIP OFF WHEN WE HAVE A VISITOR, CAN WE? AND I HAVE AN IDEA THE VISITOR WILL BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF EARL AND I DON'T SPORT OUR UNIFORMS!



DANNY!
WHAT...?
I CAN UNDERSTAND
YOUR SURPRISE, SIS!
THIS GUYS PLENTY HARD
TO LOCATE, IN FACT I
HAD TO CHASE ALL OVER
CAMPUS ASKING QUESTIONS
AND RUN ALL OVER CAMP
EDSON BEFORE I FOUND
HIM!



BUT I JUST
GOT BACK
FROM THE
CAMP AND
YOU
WEREN'T
THERE,
DANNY!

OF COURSE NOT! HE
WAS ON HIS WAY OVER
HERE WHEN I MET
HIM AND TALKED HIM
INTO A VISIT! WE'VE
BEEN DOING OUR
BEST TO CONVINCE
HIM HE'S NOT IN THE
LION'S DEN, RIGHT,
DANNY?



I'M A LITTLE
DISAPPOINTED
IN YOU, NINA!
YOU HAD YOUR
FAMILY PEGGED
AS A PACK OF
SNOBS! WHAT
MADE YOU
THINK WE
WOULDN'T
LIKE DANNY?

IT'S MY FAULT, SIR!
FROM THE WAY I
TALKED, ABOUT...
"BRASS", NINA MUST
HAVE FIGURED
THAT WE'D NEVER
GET ALONG! I
SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
NINA COULDN'T HAVE
COME FROM ANYTHING
BUT A WONDERFUL
FAMILY!



CONGRATULATIONS,
DANNY! REMEMBER
THAT YOU'RE JOINING
A FAMILY, NOT THE
ARMY!



AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE
SUBJECT, I'D BETTER REMIND
YOU TWO YOUNGSTERS THAT
I WAS JUST A BUCK PRIVATE
WHEN I STARTED COURTING NINA'S
MOTHER! AND I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW
HER FATHER WAS A BRIGADIER
GENERAL, NO LESS!

I GUESS WE OWE YOUR
FOLKS AN APOLOGY,
HONEY! WE BOTH
FIGURED THEY'D BE
SNOBBISH, WHEN
ACTUALLY WE WERE
THE ONES WHO
WERE GUILTY!

WE'D BETTER STOP HAND-
ING EACH OTHER COM-
PLIMENTS AND GET ON THE
PHONE TO CANCEL THOSE
RESERVATIONS! I HAVE
AN IDEA NOBODY WANTS
TO LEAVE JUST YET!



START GIVING ORDERS,
GENERAL! DO WE GET
MARRIED RIGHT AWAY
OR DO WE WAIT UNTIL
THEY MAKE ME A
CORPORAL?



WE DON'T WASTE TIME IN
THIS MAN'S ARMY,
PRIVATE WELLS! YOUR
ORDERS ARE TO FIND
A MINISTER WHILE THE
COLONEL AND HIS LADY
ARE AROUND FOR THE
WEDDING!

DANNY AND
I COULD
LAUGH ABOUT
IT NOW, BUT
IN OUR
HEARTS THERE
WAS MORE THAN
LAUGHTER!
THERE WAS
LOVE AND
GRATITUDE,
TOO, FOR A
COUPLE OF
"SUPERIOR
OFFICERS"
WHO DIDN'T
MIND
PLAYING
SECOND
FIDDLE
TO LOVE!



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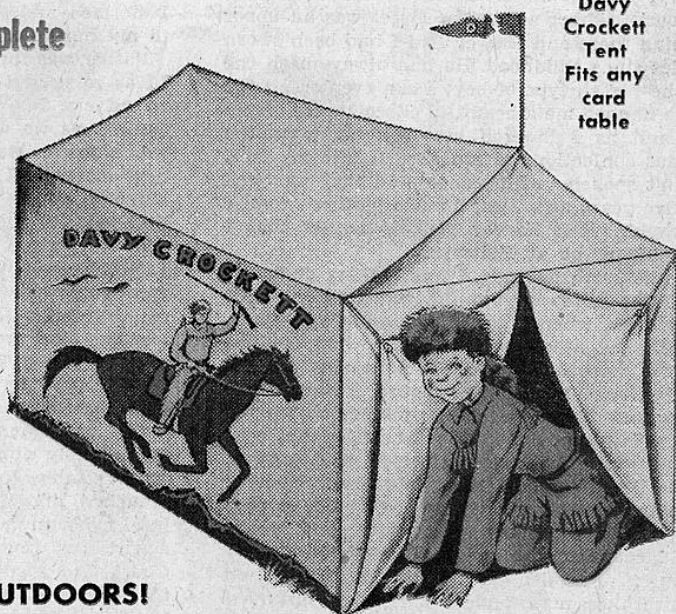
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Crash-Bound for LOVE

The only unhappy thought I had about entering Holtsvye College the following week was the fact that our neighbor across the street was an upper classman there and Harvey and I had been sworn enemies since childhood. He had always been the pull-the-pigtail type of boy; I can even recall the day he handed me a beautiful chocolate ice cream cone and as I lowered my head to taste the delicious confection, he squashed it into my face. I hadn't spoken to him since, and that was well over five years ago. Also, I made mother promise she wouldn't tell Harvey Smith's mother that I was going to be at Holtsvye.

On this particular day, I was backing dad's car out of our driveway into the very narrow street we lived on, when I heard a resounding smash, and felt the accompanying jolt. I had collided with the smooth red convertible parked at the curb in front of Harvey's house. Father came dashing out, Harvey and his folks came tearing from their house. But it was the fellow that beat them all to the scene who attracted my attention. He was the tall, tan, terrific, and irate owner of the red convertible. "Why don't you stick to your kiddie car, little one?" he snapped, and before I could comment, he added, "Who's your insurance man?" I replied quickly that Earl White was our insurance man and would have continued talking for months if I could have caught his undivided attention, but he was too taken up with the damage to his beautiful car. Father took over and I was immediately brushed to the sidelines where Harvey smiled wickedly. "You're still quite a little cut-up, Sally. This time it looks expensive." I snubbed him royally, then thinking better of it and looking once more at the handsome car owner, I dropped my five and a half year silence and said, "I feel terrible about it, Harvey. Do you think your friend will forgive me?" He looked a little shocked, like the sound of my voice was a new sound, then he replied, "Joe could forgive anything but wrecking his car. Too bad, I can see by the light in your eyes

you've joined his mob of female admirers." "You're just as mean as ever, Harvey Smith," I stormed and I swept, head high, up the walk to my house, only stumbling once.

Father was furious at me for not looking where I was going and mumbled constantly about women drivers. But Earl White, the insurance man, assured us we were covered and said he'd have the adjuster look at Mr. Joe Patton's car the next morning. I asked if I could accompany the adjuster, purely out of interest in the case, and Earl said he thought it could be arranged.

At the Patton house in the next town, Mr. Joe Patton was not yet awake when we arrived so his nice moher showed us the battered car. Joe came running out a few minutes later, hastily thrown together and groaned when he saw me. I knew it was no use. This perfectly wonderful boy and I could never be friends. I left him talking to the insurance adjuster and returned to the car.

The excitement of getting off to school was considerably dimmed by my mooning about the unforgettable Joe Patton. But somehow we got launched, and the folks drove me up to the college. I met my roommate, Claire, a real peach of a girl, and the folks left, somewhat tearfully. Claire and I got unpacked and all settled with the office and after supper we strolled down to look over the local sweet shop. We were seated together in a booth, downing mammoth root beer floats when I heard Harvey Smith's detestable voice behind me, "Well, if it isn't Sally, the car wrecker extraordinaire!" I turned to chew him out, but stopped short as my eyes met those of Joe Patton, standing beside Harvey. He smiled and said, "May we join you, Sally? I'd like to apologize and . . ." I hastily nodded agreement, introduced them to Claire who immediately was all eyes for Harvey, so that left Joe and me to talk things over. He apologized for getting so mad about the car and asked me for a date.

The upshot of all this is that I am now wearing Joe's fraternity pin and everything is rosy.

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Only Make-Believe

LOVE HAD PASSED ME BY, YET I WASN'T UNHAPPY ABOUT IT! I HAD MY CAREER AND A BURNING AMBITION TO STRETCH A CHAIN OF MY SMART DRESS SHOPS CLEAR ACROSS THE UNITED STATES! TO DO THAT, I NEEDED MONEY, AND THERE WAS ONE WAY I COULD GET IT! I WENT TO A TALENT AGENCY, AND THERE I HIRED A FIANCE', AND TOGETHER WE FAKED OUR LOVE!



HIS SURPRISE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE, SO I EXPLAINED QUICKLY...



GRAMPS! GRAMPS, YOU MUCH
OLD DARLING, HOW BETTER
ARE YOU! NOW THAT
YOU'RE HERE, CHILD!
BY JIMINY, IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN!



GRAMPS, THIS IS KIRK...
M-MY FIANCEE!
HOWDY, SON!
GLAD TO SEE AMY GOT HER-
SELF A MAN! Y'KNOW, I WAS
ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT HER
GETTIN' HITCHED! ALWAYS
THOUGHT HER
TO BE STAND-
OFFISH!



MY LITTLE GIRL STAND-OFFISH! I
CAN'T BELIEVE THAT, GRAMPS!
THE VERY FIRST NIGHT WE MET
SHE JUST MELTED IN MY ARMS--
LIKE THIS!



BEFORE I
KNEW IT,
KIRK HAD
PULLED
ME TO
HIM AND
HIS LIPS
WERE ON
MINE! FOR
AN INSTANT
MY HEART
RACED
IN WILD
ECSTASY
AS WE
CLUNG
TOGETHER!



JUST LIKE OUR FIRST
KISS, REMEMBER,
DARLING?
OH, YOU GRINNING,
SMUG MALE! AND I
CAN'T DO ANYTHING
BUT SMILE WHILE GRAMPS
IS WATCHING!
OH YOU--YOU!!



THE DAY PASSED PLEASANTLY ENOUGH AFTER THAT,
AND WHEN NIGHT CAME KIRK LEFT...



AMY, I KNOW YOU HATE PLAYING THE PART OF A
FIANCEE, BUT YOU'RE DOING IT TO MAKE A
GREAT OLD GUY HAPPY! I LIKE
YOU FOR THAT, AMY!



I
COULDN'T
EXPLAIN
MY EMOTIONS
AS I
LEANED
AGAINST
THE DOOR!
I WANTED
TO
DISMISS
KIRK
FROM MY
MIND, YET
MY
HEART
WOULDN'T
LET
ME!

AMY HALE, GET HOLD OF YOURSELF! YOU'VE
BEEN KISSED BEFORE! FORGET KIRK'S
KISS! DO YOU WANT TO LET YOURSELF
BE TRAPPED BY LOVE? NOT YOU --
YOU'RE TOO SMART! YOU'VE A
CAREER TO THINK OF!



**AT BREAKFAST, SOMETHING HAPPENED...
SOMETHING I DREADED!**

YESSIREE, I MADE OUT A WILL LEAVIN'
EVERYTHING TO AMY, PROVIDIN' SHE GOT
MARRIED! IF SHE'D TURNED OUT TO BE
ONE O' THEM CAREER GALS, I'D HAVE
TO CHANGE MY WILL ...



--AN' LEAVE EVERYTHING TO CHARITY! 'COURSE
THAT'LL NEVER HAPPEN NOW THAT AMY'S GOT
ENGAGED AND IS SETTTLING DOWN TO BEIN' A
GOOD WIFE! WELL, SEE YOU YOUNGSTERS
LATER!



SO THAT'S IT! AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING ALL
THIS JUST TO MAKE AN OLD MAN HAPPY! YOU
HIRED ME SO YOU COULD GET YOUR MANICURED
FINGERS ON HIS MONEY!

KIRK! PLEASE..
I... I...



I MET MONEY-HUNGRY WOMEN IN
MY TIME, BUT, HONEY YOU MAKE
THEM LOOK LIKE GIRL SCOUTS!

YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME
LIKE THAT! YOU'RE
FIRED!



FIRED? ME? OKAY, BUT
REMEMBER, THE MINUTE I
WALK OUT, YOU'RE OUT OF
HIS WILL! ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANT ME TO GO -- NOW?



DON'T WORRY, I'LL GO ON PLAYING
THE PERFECT FIANCEE, BUT NOT
FOR YOU - FOR THAT OLD MAN!
BECAUSE IT WOULD BREAK HIS
HEART IF HE FOUND OUT WHAT
HIS GRANDDAUGHTER WAS
REALLY LIKE!



KIRK KEPT HIS WORD! HE PLAYED THE PART OF MY LOVING FIANCEE SO WELL GRAMPS ALMOST LOOKED ENVIUS...



YES, GRAMPS, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BEING IN LOVE! WE COULDN'T BE HAPPIER!

BY JIMINY, LOOKIN' AT YOU TWO LOVE-BIRDS MAKES ME WISH I WAS FORTY YEARS YOUNGER! GUESS I'D UP AND MARRY MY PRETTY NURSE! HEE! HEE!

BUT WHEN GRAMPS WASN'T WITH US, KIRK TREATED ME WITH UTTER CONTEMPT!



I'VE GOT TO GET OUT AND BREATHE SOME FRESH AIR! THIS ROOM SMELLS OF MONEY!

HE'S PLAYING TENNIS WITH THAT NURSE AGAIN! OH WHY SHOULD I CARE! I'LL BE GETTING THE MONEY I NEED TO FINANCE THE CHAIN OF DRESS SHOPS I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!



WHO AM I KIDDING? I DO CARE! I'M JEALOUS OF HER! OH, HOW I WANT KIRK TO LIKE ME! I--I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM!



I LOVE HIM BUT HE ONLY HAS CONTEMPT FOR ME! -SOB- WHAT CAN I DO? OH, WHAT WOULD ANY GIRL DO? -SOB-



THEN, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT WAS TO CHANGE MY ENTIRE LIFE!

YOUR GRANDFATHER HAS JUST HAD A RELAPSE! YOU'D BETTER STAY WITH HIM! I'M GOING FOR THE DOCTOR!



OH, HE LOOKS SO STILL! GRAMPS, MY DARLING, DARLING, GRAMPS!



SUDDENLY, IT WAS AS IF A DAM HAD BURST IN MY HEART! IT TOOK THIS, AND THE REJECTION OF KIRK TO WAKE ME UP TO THE BITTER TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF!

SOB! OH, GRAMPS, DON'T DIE! YOU MUSTN'T DIE! GRAMPS! GRAMPS! SOB!

I--I GUESS YOU REALLY DO LOVE HIM, AMY!



KIRK, I'M SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF! IF GRAMPS PULLS THROUGH, I'LL TELL HIM YOU EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT US IN STYLE-- I'LL TELL HIM TO CHANGE HIS WILL AND LEAVE HIS FORTUNE TO CHARITY!



THAT-- THAT'S WONDERFUL, AMY! NOW YOU MAKE ME FEEL THAT I WANT TO BE YOUR HUSBAND IN REAL LIFE!

I-I WISH THAT, TOO!



HEE! HEE! BY JIMINY! I KNEW EVERYTHING WOULD TURN OUT RIGHT, AFTER ALL!

GRAMPS!

WHY, YOU CUNNING OLD DEVIL-- YOU NEVER REALLY HAD A RELAPSE AT ALL! YOU WERE PLAYING POSSUM!



YEP! OVERHEARD YOU TWO T'OTHER DAY, TALKIN' ABOUT HOW YOU WAS PLAY-ACTIN' AS AN ENGAGED DUO! BUT I FIGURED AMY HAD GOOD STUFF IN HER, SO NURSE AN' ME DID SOME PLAY-ACTIN', TOO -- AND IT WORKED!



NURSE, LOOKS LIKE YOU BETTER SHOOT OFF AND GET US A PREACHER!

WELL, AMY, IT SEEMS OUR LITTLE PLAY TURNED OUT TO BE A SMASH HIT! IT WILL PROBABLY RUN FOR YEARS!

FOR LIFE, DARLING, FOR LIFE!



NURSE! NURSE! FOR GOSH SAKES, GET SOME SPEED ON! YOU BETTER GET THAT PREACHER HERE IN A HURRY! HEE-HEE!



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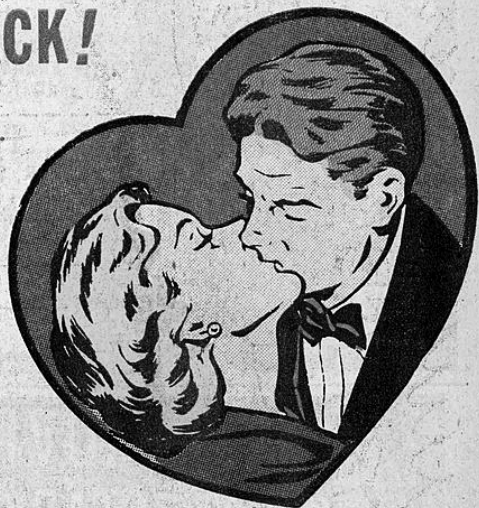
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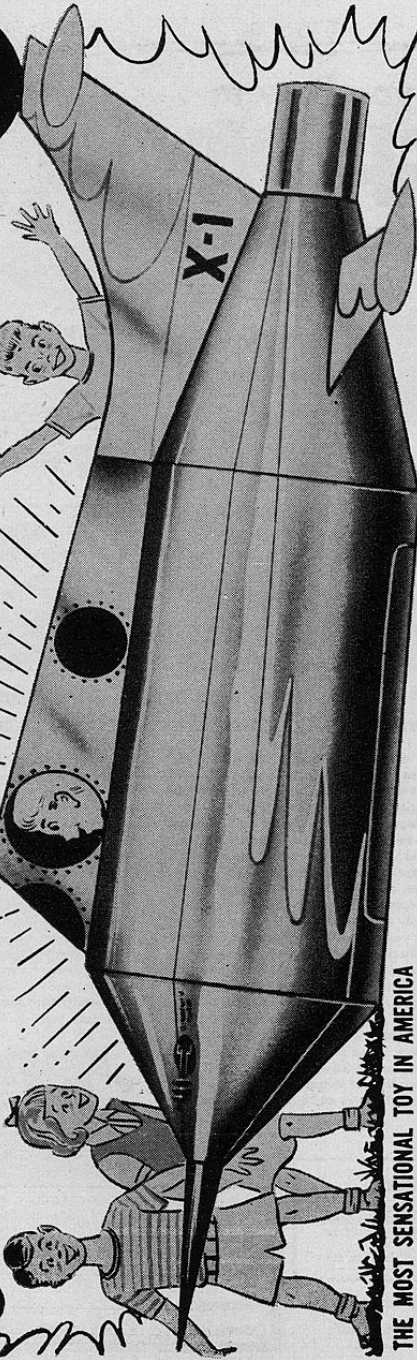
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